Hydrogen Powered Vehicles Pathways and Challenges

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Light-Duty Fuel Cell Power Train



DaimlerChrysler Necar 5







The Four Elements of Success

Auto Companies work with Fuel Cell Developers for cost effective solutions

Fuel Industry provide a viable fuel infrastructure

Government develop financial incentives and set standards

Coordinate for complimentary activities





Electric Drive Train

Co-axial design for battery electric vehicles (Ford Ranger)







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Transportation Field Trials

- Passenger cars
- There are 18 fuel cell vehicles powered by Ballard® fuel cells
- Buses
- Previous trials in Chicago, Vancouver and Palm Springs
- 30 buses in 10 European cities starting in 2002
- Other trials planned for Australia and California









Fuel Infrastructure

Multiple Sources

 Hydrogen can be produced from natural gas, electricity, and methanol

History On Our Side

- 1921 12,000 Gasoline Stations
- 1929 143,000 Gasoline Stations

Demand Drives Infrastructure

- All major hydrogen suppliers waiting for boom
- Infrastructure will grow from Centers-Of-Use





California Fuel Cell Partnership - Preparing The Future

Co-founded in 1999 by:

- Ballard, State of California, major auto-manufacturers and energy companies.
- Currently has 19 partners and 9 associate partners

Mission:

- Demonstrate / test Fuel Cell vehicles
- Investigate fuel infrastructure issues
- Promote public awareness of PEM Fuel Cell vehicles
- Identify potential solutions to barriers to commercialization

Demonstrations

 The Partnership will place more than 70 fuel cell vehicles (cars and buses) on the road between 2000 and 2003



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¹Source: California Fuel Cell Partnership





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Government's Challenges

Funding

- Advanced materials development
- Demonstration programs

Tax Incentives

• Tax credits for rapid market penetration

Standard Setting

- Global Standards for engine and vehicle
- Develop codes for refueling stations and service centers





What we need to do

- Continue to reduce costs
- Accelerate fuel infrastructure development
- Continue to validate reliability, durability, codes and safety standards
- Combine efforts for better overall solutions
- Promote partnerships to develop technology, products and market opportunities.





